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WAFL player tests positive for steroid

The Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority (ASADA) acknowledges the West Australian Football League's (WAFL) confirmation that East Perth Football Club player Dean Cadwallader has returned a positive test for nandrolone.

ASADA can confirm that both the "A" and "B" samples have returned a positive result to nandrolone, an anabolic steroid.

ASADA understands that Mr Cadwallader has been provisionally suspended from football pending the outcome of this matter. ASADA is continuing to handle results management in this matter in accordance with the National Anti-Doping scheme and WAFL Anti-Doping Code.

Listed as an S1 Anabolic Agent on the 2010 World Anti-Doping Code Prohibited List, nandrolone is prohibited both in- and out-of-competition.

Anabolic steroids help the body produce more hormones than normal and this can cause damage to the body's major organs, especially the liver. They can also cause heart attacks by expanding the main cardiac muscle and can also increase the risk of cancer.

Under the World Anti-Doping Code, athletes are ultimately responsible for any substance found in their body or in their possession. Ignorance is no excuse.

In addition to a doping athlete losing their reputation and career, it is important to remember that anabolic steroids like nandrolone are harmful to an athlete's health.

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Media note: The athlete has given his permission for ASADA to issue a statement in relation to this matter. ASADA has nothing further to add beyond this statement.

